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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: THREATENED AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS' STRIKE

POUCHED TO ALL CONSULS IN CANADA

REF: OTTAWA 1497

1. PRESS REPORTS TRANSPORT MINISTER LANG HAS AGREED ORDER
INQUIRY INTO METHODS-- BUT NOT POLICY-- OF INTRODUCING

BILINGUALISM INTO QUEBEC ATC IN WAK OF RECOMMENDATION OF
CONCILIATION BOARD DEALING WITH DISPUTE BETWEEN GOC AND
CANADIAN AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS ASSOCIATION (CATCA).
CATCA PRESIDENT (WHO URGED ESTABLISHMENT OF INQUIRY)
IS QUOTED AS SAYING HE HAS NO ARGUMENT WITH APPOINTMENT OF
COMMISSION, BUT ITS TERMS OF REFERENCE ARE TOO NARROW.
CONTROLLERS WANT INQUIRY INTO WHOLE QUESTION OF BILINGUALISM,
NOT SIMPLY METHODS OF INTRODUCTION. PRESS ALSO SUGGESTS
THAT ALTHOUGH STRIKE LEGALLY POSSIBLE MAY 18, NOT LIKELY
UNTIL LATER THIS MONTH. UNION VIEW ON WHOLE CONCILIATION
REPORT-- INCLUDING ECONOMIC RECOMMENDATIONS-- NOT YET
STATED.

2. COMMENT: IN APPEARANCE ON TV NEWS PROGRAMS NIGHT
OF MAY 12 LANG EMPHASIZED AGAIN GOC COMMITMENT TO
SAFETY IN INTRODUCING BILIGUAL ATC SERVICES AND
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SUGGESTED SAFETY IN QUEBEC REQUIRES THAT FRENCH

SERVICES BE AVAILABLE.
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